

hunt in silence would be hard for any man ; to be hunted in silence is intolerable.

Grisly held his head down and wagged it from side to side, while his great silent paws rapidly cleared the ground and lessened the distance.

"Tommy," whispered the young fellow, "I can cover him now."

"Wait, Jack. Don't miss. Give Grisly two minutes more. Gad ! how the fellow seuds !"

Tommy, you see, obeyed the instinct of nature. He loved the hunt : if not to hunt actively, to witness a hunt. It is the same feeling which crowds the benches at a bull-fight in Spain. It was the same feeling which lit up the faces in the Coliseum when Hermann, formerly of the Danube, prisoner, taken red-handed in revolt, and therefore *moriturus*, performed with vigour, sympathy, and spirit the rôle of Actæon, ending, as we all know, in a splendid chase by bloodhounds ; after which the poor Teuton, maddened by his long flight and exhausted by his desperate resistance, was torn to pieces, fighting to the end with a rage past all acting. It is our modern pleasure to read of pain and suffering. Those were the really pleasant days to the Roman ladies when they actually witnessed living agony.

"Give Grisly two minutes," said Captain Ladds.

By this time the rest of the party had come up, and were watching the movements of the man and bear. In the plain stood the frame-work of a ruined wooden house. Man made for log-house. Bear, without any apparent effort, but just to show that he saw the dodge, and meant that it should not succeed, put on a spurt, and the distance between them lessened every moment. Fifty yards ; forty yards. Man looked round over his shoulder. The log-house was a good two hundred yards ahead. He hesitated ; seemed to stop for a moment. Bear diminishing the space by a good dozen yards—and then man doubled.

"Getting pumped," said Ladds the critical. Then he too dismounted, and stood beside the younger man, giving the reins of both horses to one of the Mexicans. "Musn't let Grisly claw the poor devil," he murmured.

"Let me bring him down, Tommy."

"Bring him down, young 'un."